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Re: U.S. Divisional Utility Patent Application
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For: **Malt Beverage Having Stabilized Flavor and Methods of
Production Thereof**
Inventors: Rangel-Aldao *et al.*
Our Ref: 1390.0070006/JAG/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. 17 pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 79 documents;
3. A copy of each of the 79 cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents, Reference Numbers AM1, AN1, AO1 and AL2, cited on the Form PTO-1449:

Document AM1, European Patent Office Publication No. 0 207 039, in the name of Oleofina S.A., is in the French language. This document appears to relate to processes for preventing auto-oxidation of foodstuffs comprising adding an oxidase and its substrate to the foodstuff, and enzymatic compositions for carrying out such processes comprising an oxidase and related components. A copy of an unverified abstract of this publication in the English language (from Derwent WPI) is included herewith as document AS16.

Document AN1, Japan Patent Office Publication No. 2-46285, in the name of Riyoushiyoku Kenkyukai, is in the Japanese language. This document appears to relate to processes for deactivation of 2-oxoaldehyde by acting on 3-deoxyglucosone, using plant-derived 2-oxoaldehyde reductase. A copy of an unverified abstract of this publication in the English language (from Japan Patent Office) is included herewith as document AR17.

Document AO1, Japan Patent Office Publication No. 3-65173, in the name of Koizumi Takeo, is in the Japanese language. This document appears to relate to a process for the regeneration of old sake (rice wine) by passing the sake over a solid support material containing immobilized alcohol acetyltransferase-active yeast cells. A copy of an unverified abstract of this publication in the English language (from Japan Patent Office) is included herewith as document AS17.

Document AL2, French Patent Publication No. 2 688 228, is in the French language. This document appears to disclose a method for enhancing the earliness of a plant and/or lowering the content of nitrates stored in the plant by introducing a foreign gene coding for nitrate reductase into the genome of the plant. A copy of an unverified abstract of this publication in the English language (from Derwent WPI) is included herewith document AT16.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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	AN2	EP 0 832 974 A2	04/01/1998	Europe			Yes No
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	AD1	4,110,480	08/29/1978	Pollock et al.	426	436	07/23/1975
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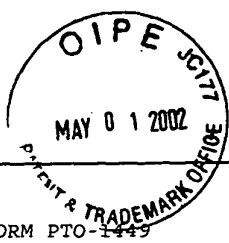
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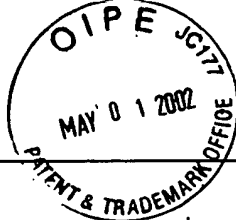
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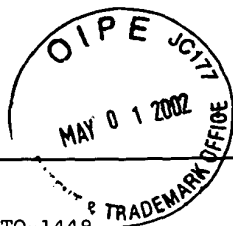
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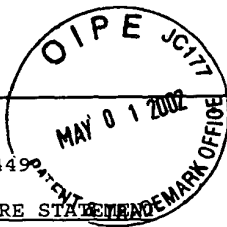
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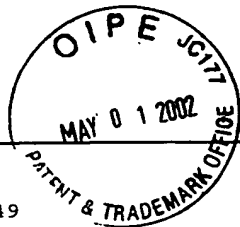
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